

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 4-5 without prejudice or disclaimer and before calculating the filing fee as shown in the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior versions and listings of claims.

1. (original) A printer, which comprises:
a platen roller, for conveying a recording sheet,
a print head, arranged opposite the platen roller,
a drive unit, for rotating the platen roller, and
a main frame, including a pair of side walls that
can rotatably support the platen roller, characterized in
that:

the drive unit includes

a motor,

idler gears, for transmitting a rotational force
provided by the motor to the platen roller, and

a gear fitting member, integrally formed with
gear support shafts that support the idler gears;

the motor and idler gears are capable of being
mounted in the main frame while attached to the gear fitting
member; and

a drive gear of the motor and the idler gears are
stored in a space defined by the gear fitting member; and one
of the side walls of the main frame.

2. (original) A printer according to claim 1, characterized in that the gear fitting member is formed of an alloy material by die casting.

3. (original) A printer according to claim 2, characterized in that the alloy material is a zinc alloy, a magnesium alloy or a titanium alloy.

4.-5. (canceled)